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Iowa Department on Aging Announces Older Iowans Receive Training and Obtain Jobs with the Senior Internship Program

Forty (40) Participants in the Senior Internship Program (SIP) Found Work in Fiscal Year 2011

(Des Moines, IA) – Today Iowa Department on Aging (IDA) Director Donna Harvey shared the success of the Department's Senior Internship Program (SIP.)

Helping older Iowans achieve self-sufficiency and find useful opportunities serving their communities are the two goals of the program.

Director Harvey stated, "At a time when each and every job counts we are happy to share the news that the Senior Internship Program had forty success stories in the state 2011 fiscal year."

As a grantee of the Senior Community Service Employment Program, the Senior Internship Program (SIP) is a training and employment program for adults age 55 and older that meet the low-income guidelines (no more than 125 percent of the Federal poverty level.) This senior community service offers an opportunity to get the training that can lead to jobs for those unemployed older Iowans that are entering or re-entering the work force.

Training can go for as long as forty-eight (48) months but participants often find jobs in less time.

There are three SIP sites in Iowa. Partners in the program are: Generations Area Agency on Aging (Davenport); Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (Hiawatha) and Experience Works (Des Moines). The program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

For more information on the Iowa Department on Aging (IDA) or the Senior Internship Program, visit: <http://www.aging.iowa.gov/> or call 1-800-532-3213. To locate resources for older adults and people with disabilities go to: www.lifelonglinks.org.

The mission of the Iowa Department on Aging is to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and cost-effective system of long-term living and community support services that help individuals maintain health and independence in their homes and communities.

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